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DATA ZONE

NEW READERS START HERE!

Heroes

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

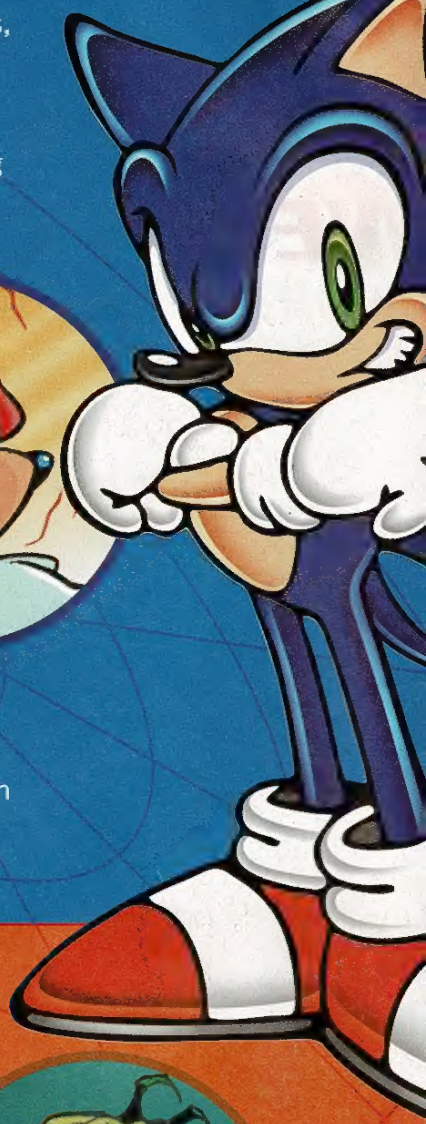
Sonic's the *fastest* thing on planet Mobius, and leads a gang of Freedom Fighters. There's nothing he loves more than danger and excitement – and there's always plenty of both when he's battling the evil Dr Robotnik!

KNUCKLES

Knuckles is the last of an ancient race of Echidnas (spiny anteaters) who created the Floating Island centuries ago. Now, Knuckles safeguards the Chaos Emeralds which keep the Floating Island aloft!

TAILS

Miles "Tails" Prower is a Fox with a difference – by spinning his two tails, he can fly! Tails has an innocent and optimistic view of life – even when he's being chased by badniks!



Villains

DR ROBOTNIK

Once a kindly scientist, Dr Kintobor was transformed into the evil Dr Robotnik when an experiment went horribly wrong. Now, Dr Robotnik is power-mad, and will stop at nothing to seize total control of the planet!

GRIMER

Robotnik's cowardly sidekick Grimer is a slimy weakling who only cares about one thing – saving his own skin!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Eve of Destruction

COMPLETE STORY

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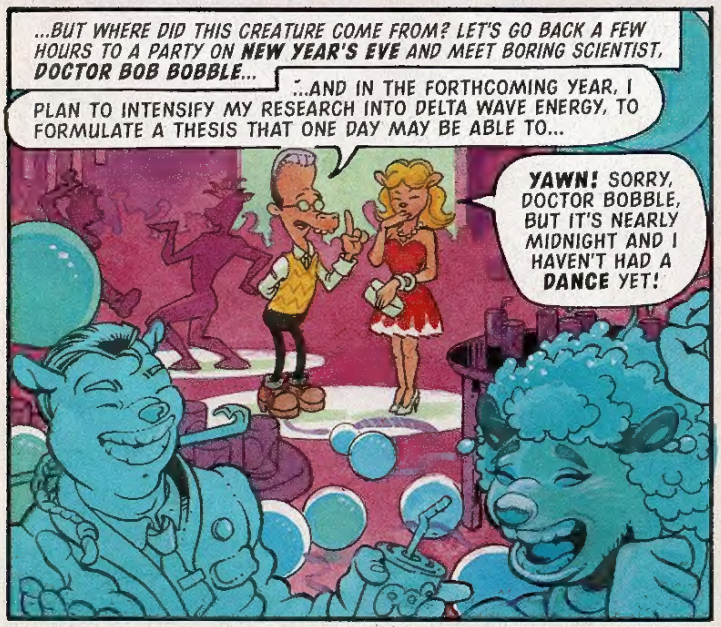
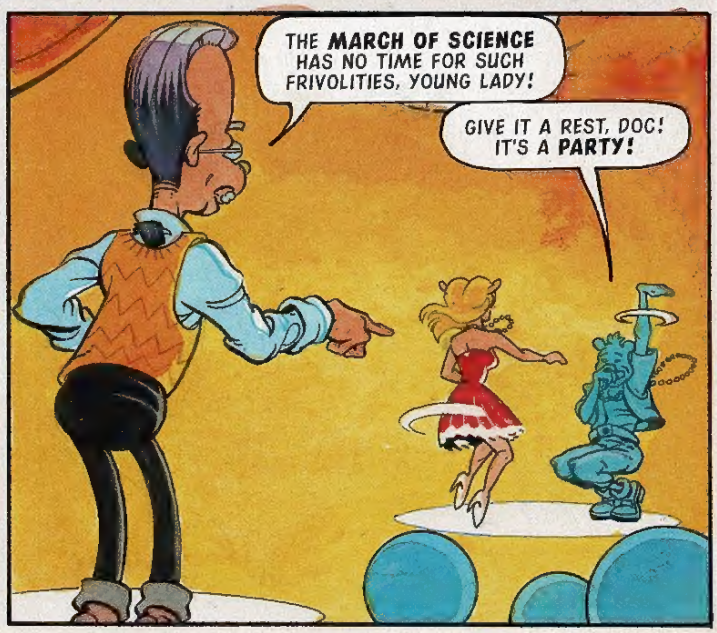
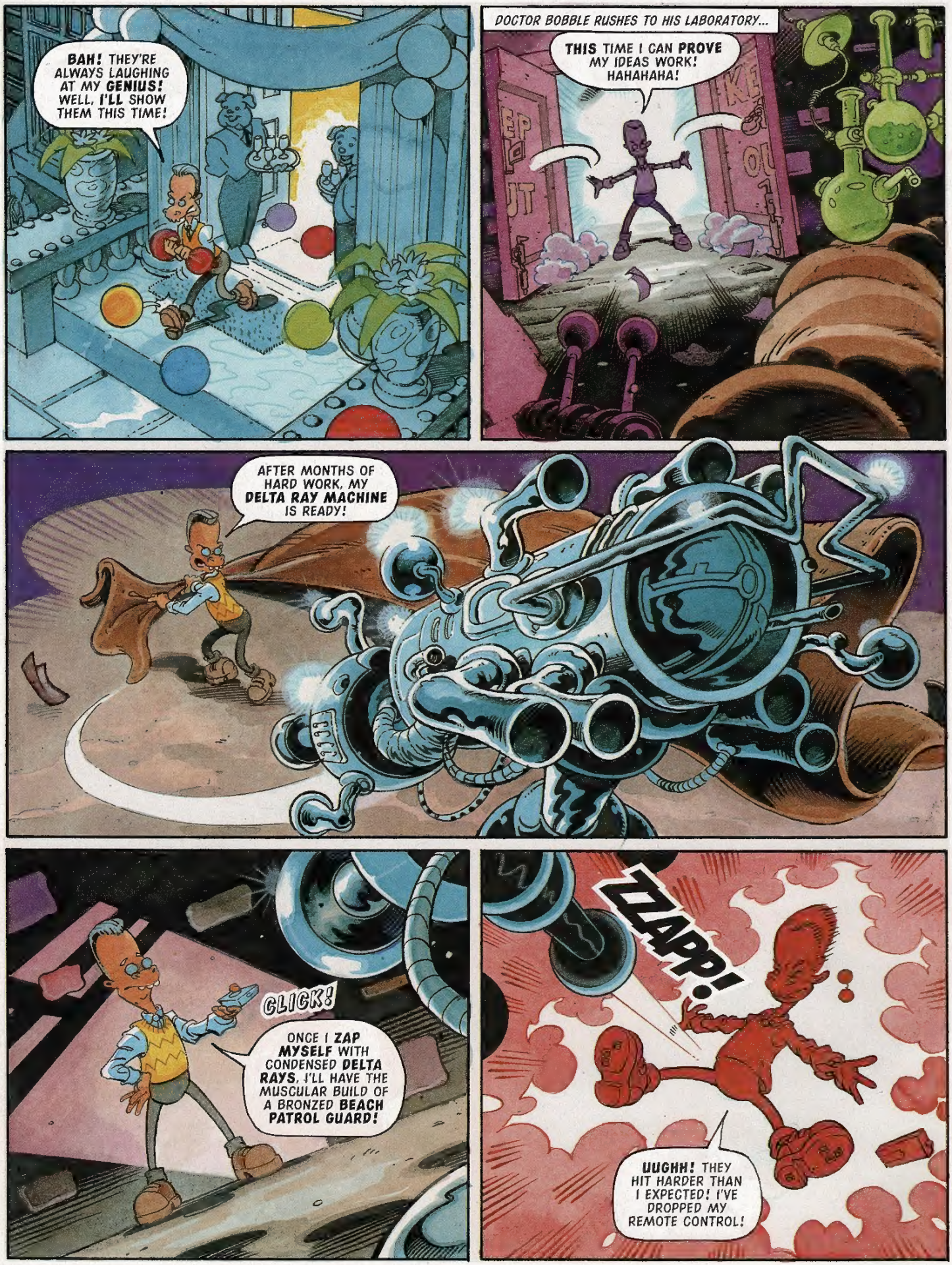
A MONSTER RAMPAGES THROUGH NEW TEK CITY... AND EVEN THE COMBINED FORCES OF SONIC AND THE CHAOTIX CREW SEEM UNABLE TO DEFEAT IT!
THIS DUDE IS GETTING STRONGER! THIS IS BAD NEWS!
UNNK! TOO RIGHT, MIGHTY! I'M MISSING A COOL NEW YEAR PARTY FIGHTING THIS CREEP!
BULK SMASH!


...BUT WHERE DID THIS CREATURE COME FROM? LET'S GO BACK A FEW HOURS TO A PARTY ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND MEET BORING SCIENTIST, DOCTOR BOB BOBBLE...
...AND IN THE FORTHCOMING YEAR, I PLAN TO INTENSIFY MY RESEARCH INTO DELTA WAVE ENERGY, TO FORMULATE A THESIS THAT ONE DAY MAY BE ABLE TO...
YAWN! SORRY, DOCTOR BOBBLE, BUT IT'S NEARLY MIDNIGHT AND I HAVEN'T HAD A DANCE YET!




BAH! THEY'RE ALWAYS LAUGHING AT MY GENIUS! WELL, I'LL SHOW THEM THIS TIME!
DOCTOR BOBBLE RUSHES TO HIS LABORATORY...
THIS TIME I CAN PROVE MY IDEAS WORK! HAHAHAHA!
AFTER MONTHS OF HARD WORK, MY DELTA RAY MACHINE IS READY!
CLICK!
ONCE I ZAP MYSELF WITH CONDENSED DELTA RAYS, I'LL HAVE THE MUSCULAR BUILD OF A BRONZED BEACH PATROL GUARD!
ZZAPP!
UUGHH! THEY HIT HARDER THAN I EXPECTED! I'VE DROPPED MY REMOTE CONTROL!

GOT...GOT TO FIND THE REMOTE CONTROL TO... TURN THE MACHINE OFF! I'M ABSORBING TOO MUCH DELTA RADIATION!
GROWING BIGGER... BIGGER!
TOO BIG FOR MY TANK TOP TO CONTAIN ME!
RRRIP!
SKRRUNCH!
CAN'T FIND REMOTE... USE MANUAL METHOD!
RAYS STOPPED... BUT WHAT HAVE I BECOME?
ARRRGHH!

MEANWHILE, ON THE STREET...
MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T BE IN PUBLIC LIKE THIS! WE'RE STILL WANTED BY THE **POLICE**, REMEMBER?
YEAH, FOR A CRIME WE **DIDN'T** COMMIT!
RELAX, DUDES! WE WON'T BE SPOTTED IN THIS CROWD!
YIPITY-YAPITY-DEE! IT'S ALMOST TIME TO RING-A-DING IN THE NEW YEAR!
SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT MOMENT MIGHT BE DELAYED! **LOOK!**
I RIP BELL FROM TOWER WITH MY NEW STRENGTH! I STOP YOUR FUN!
HE'S HURLING THAT BELL TOWARDS THE CROWD!
TELL ME SOMETHING I **DON'T** ALREADY KNOW, VECTOR!
GOTTA CAUSE AN **UPDRAFT** WITH MY SPEED... TO CUSHION THE FALL OF THE BELL!

YOU STOPPED BELL! NOW I **CRUSH** YOU!
MAYBE I'M A SPOIL-SPORT, BUT I'D RATHER YOU DIDN'T!
THOOM!
UUH? WHERE HEDGEHOG **GO?**
LET **ME** TAKE A CRACK AT HIM, SONIC! THERE'S NOT MUCH THAT CAN STAND UP TO **MY** FISTS!
HE'S ALL YOURS, MIGHTY!
WHAMMO!
UHHN! THIS GUY MIGHT BE A BIT OF A PROBLEM! HE'S GETTING **BULKIER!**
HAH! THAT MAKE **GOOD NAME** FOR ME NOW! THE INDESTRUCTIBLE **BULK!**
DOCTOR BOB BOBBLE IS NO MORE! I'M **THE BULK** NOW... AND BULK **SMASH!**
LOOK OUT, MIGHTY! **UNNNK!**
LIKEWISE, ESPIO! **AAGHH!**
THAT... **BULK** USED TO BE **DOC BOBBLE**? OF COURSE! HE WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING MUSCLE TISSUE WITH **DELTA RAYS**, BUT THIS...!
VERY INTERESTING I'M SURE, VECTOR! BUT WE'VE GOT A **SITUATION** GOING ON HERE! CARE TO **HELP?**

KEEP THE BULK BUSY, SONIC! I'M GONNA SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING TO STOP THIS MONSTER IN BOBBLE'S LABORATORY!
GEE, I'M GLAD YOU PASSED UP THE EASY JOB!
BOY OH BOY! HE DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH AT YOUR SUPER SPIN ATTACK, SONIC! HE DIDN'T FEEL A THING! WOO!
KDOING!
OKAY, OKAY, CHARMY!
BULK GROWING...TOO BULKY! GETTING... HARD TO... MOVE!
ZIPPITY-ZEE! MAYBE YOU DID HURT HIM AFTER ALL, SONIC!
I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE THE CREDIT FOR THIS, SOMEHOW!
WHATEVER CHANGED THIS DUDE INTO A MONSTER IS STILL WORKING! THE BULK IS BECOMING TOO HEAVY TO SUPPORT HIS WEIGHT!
BLOBBITY-BOO! SHOULD WE SUGGEST A DIET PLAN?
CAN'T... MOVE...!
THIS IS THE ONLY DIET PLAN THAT WILL WORK ON THAT CREATURE!
ULP! YOU'RE GONNA SH-SHOOT HIM?

I'VE **REPAIRED** THE MACHINE THAT CAUSED HIS TRANSFORMATION! REVERSING THE POLARITY OF THE **DELTA RAYS** SHOULD CHANGE THE **BULK** BACK INTO **BOB BOBBLE!**
PAZZAZ!
UUGHH!
I... I'M **BOB** AGAIN! EVEN MY **HIGH INTELLIGENCE** HAS RETURNED... I CAN FEEL MY **BRAIN CELLS** REPLACING **BRUTE FORCE** WITH **SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE!**
COOL! I'LL JUST MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T USE **THIS** AGAIN!
SMAASH!
MY **MACHINE!** YEARS OF HARD WORK... **DESTROYED** IN A SECOND!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO HELP OTHERS, INSTEAD OF TRYING TO BE SOMETHING YOU'RE **NOT**, BOZO!
YES... I WILL MAKE A **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION** TO **BENEFIT** THE POPULATION OF THIS NEEDY WORLD WITH MY GENIUS! I WILL...
HEY. . .
...WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, MAKE A RESOLUTION TO **LIGHTEN UP!** YOU'RE SENDING ME TO SLEEP AND I WANNA **PARTY!**
SIGH.
HAPPY NEW YEAR, BOOMERS!
THE END.

tails & knuckles

new complete story

NEW YEAR TWISTER

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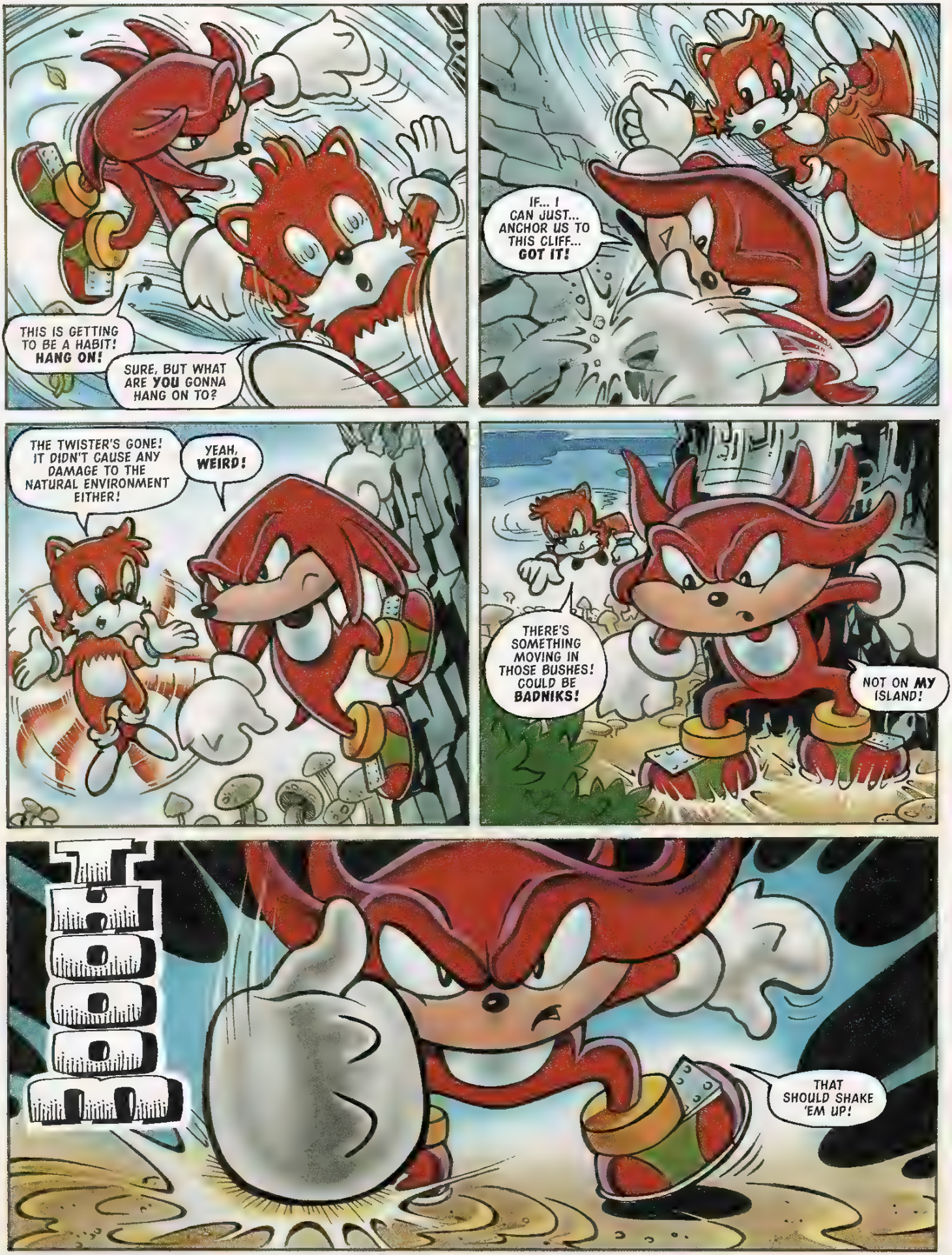
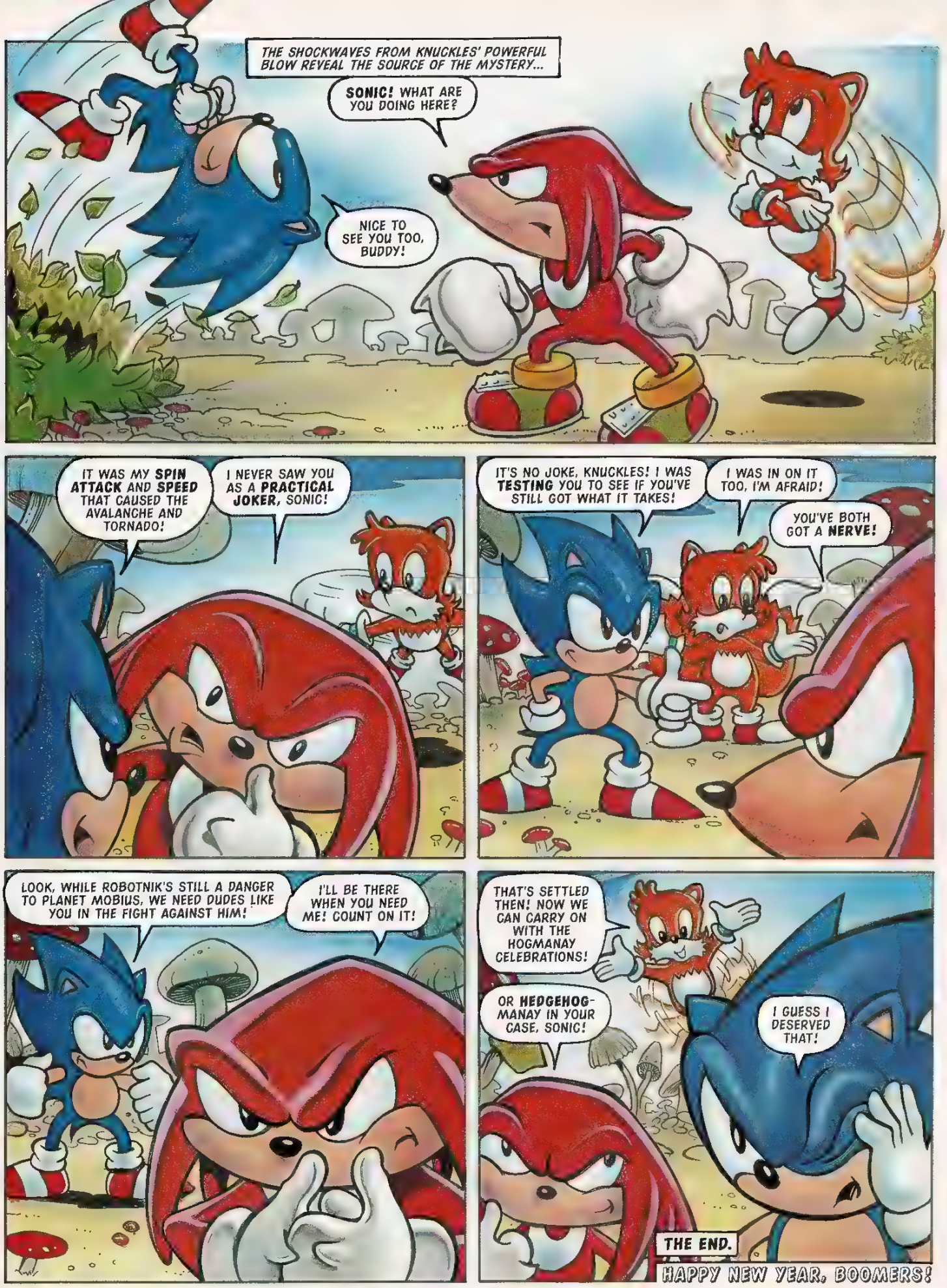
THE FLOATING ISLAND, HOME OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
TAILS! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE? YOU KNOW I DON'T APPRECIATE OUTSIDERS ON MY ISLAND!
CHILL OUT, KNUCKLES! AS WE DIDN'T SEE YOU OVER CHRISTMAS, I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MY APOLOGIES, FRIEND! I ENJOY MY SOLITUDE HERE, BUT TIMES AND DATES OFTEN PASS UNNOTICED!
EVER THOUGHT OF BUYING A CALENDAR?

I SEE SONIC DIDN'T BOTHER COMING! TOO BUSY I SUPPOSE?
HE'S RUSHED OFF HIS FEET, AS USUAL!
RRRUMMBLE!
HEY! WHAT'S THAT RUMBLING?
COULD BE MY STOMACH! I MISSED BREAKFAST TODAY!
RUUMMBLLE!
AVALANCHE! MOVE IT!
OOER!
HOLD ON, TAILS! I'LL GET US THROUGH THIS!
I'M GLAD ONE OF US IS CONFIDENT!

WE'RE SAFE NOW!
YEAH, BUT MY BI-PLANE IS **BURIED** UNDER THE SNOW!
THAT'S NO PROBLEM TO AN ECHIDNA LIKE ME!
MAYBE WE SHOULD FLY TO ANOTHER ZONE IN CASE IT HAPPENS AGAIN?
LATER...
THERE'S NO DANGER OF AN AVALANCHE HERE IN THE **MUSHROOM HILL ZONE!**
IT REMINDS ME I MISSED **BREAKFAST** THOUGH!
STRANGE... IT'S GETTING VERY **WINDY** ALL OF A SUDDEN!
DON'T BLAME ME!
A **TORNADO!** IT'S HEADING THIS WAY!


THIS IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT! HANG ON!
SURE, BUT WHAT ARE YOU GONNA HANG ON TO?
IF... I CAN JUST... ANCHOR US TO THIS CLIFF... GOT IT!
THE TWISTER'S GONE! IT DIDN'T CAUSE ANY DAMAGE TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EITHER!
YEAH, WEIRD!
THERE'S SOMETHING MOVING IN THOSE BUSHES! COULD BE BADNIKS!
NOT ON MY ISLAND!
THAT SHOULD SHAKE 'EM UP!


THE SHOCKWAVES FROM KNUCKLES' POWERFUL BLOW REVEAL THE SOURCE OF THE MYSTERY...
SONIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
NICE TO SEE YOU TOO, BUDDY!
IT WAS MY SPIN ATTACK AND SPEED THAT CAUSED THE AVALANCHE AND TORNADO!
I NEVER SAW YOU AS A PRACTICAL JOKER, SONIC!
IT'S NO JOKE, KNUCKLES! I WAS TESTING YOU TO SEE IF YOU'VE STILL GOT WHAT IT TAKES!
I WAS IN ON IT TOO, I'M AFRAID!
YOU'VE BOTH GOT A NERVE!
LOOK, WHILE ROBOTNIK'S STILL A DANGER TO PLANET MOBIUS, WE NEED DUDES LIKE YOU IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIM!
I'LL BE THERE WHEN YOU NEED ME! COUNT ON IT!
THAT'S SETTLED THEN! NOW WE CAN CARRY ON WITH THE HOGMANAY CELEBRATIONS!
OR HEDGEHOG-MANAY IN YOUR CASE, SONIC!
I GUESS I DESERVED THAT!
THE END.
HAPPY NEW YEAR, BOOMERS!

SPEED Lines

BEWARE BLACK CRYSTAL!

Dear Sonic,
I am writing to warn you about... Black Crystal! He works with Robotnik—sort of! Robotnik has to make deals with him or he won't do anything, but once he gets going he is the only one on Mobius who is even remotely capable of stopping you, Sonic! An independent nature and the ability to absorb the power of the Chaos Emeralds make Black Crystal doubly dangerous!
"Redstar" Moon, England.

Judging by his picture, this Black Crystal dude looks dangerous, too! Keep your eyes peeled, Boomers-- report all sightings to Speedlines!

Black Crystal!

THE GLOVES STAY ON!

Dear Sonic,
I've been thinking [steady on, Boomer!—Sonic] why don't you, Knuckles or Tails ever take off your gloves? Don't you get sweaty wearing them all the time?
Navi Singh, Wolverhampton.

No way, Navi-- We're too cool to get sweaty!

SONIC ADVENTURE 2

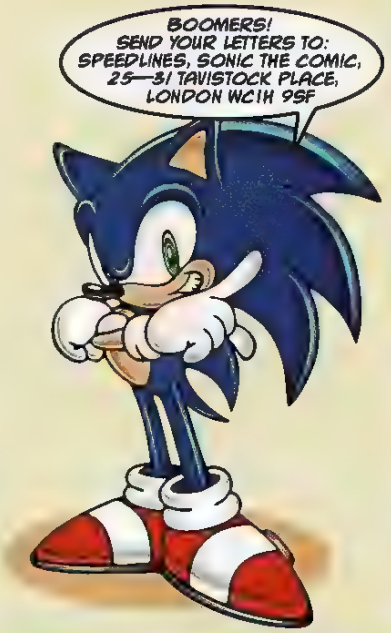
Dear Sonic,
I've got Sonic Adventure for Dreamcast and I love it!!!! Here is a really cool idea for Sonic Adventure 2! Robotnik has got his hands on both the Chaos Emeralds and the Super Chaos Emeralds and is going to use them to power his Eggolator missile and destroy Metro City Zone (I made that up!) and then build Robo City Zone! Luckily, when the Floating Island crashed, Robotnik lost all the computer chips for the launch system! Sonic and the gang have to find them before Eggman!
Thomas McCaughley, London W14.

Whew! That will be some game, Thomas!

COMPETITION RESULT

Here are the winners of the Sonic Adventure Action Figures Competition. Congratulations to you all!

Thomas Elliot Howell, Ramzi Ramzi, Tom Henhorn, Robert Mann, Jordan Milton-Hine, James Nash, Jamie McLuskie, Joseph Mortimer, Mo Dada, Lawrence Woolaston, Cory Staff, Gabriel Reece, Sean Taylor, Ashley Blenkinsop, Joe Frost, Claire Bassinder, Heggie Boyd, Stephen Riley, Dominique Slatter, Daniel Alsop, David Halsall, Craig Hastie, Matthew Barlass, Marcus Arscott, Dominic Parker, Stuart Orrock, William Needham, James Scott, Rhys Healy.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM EVERYONE AT SONIC THE COMIC!

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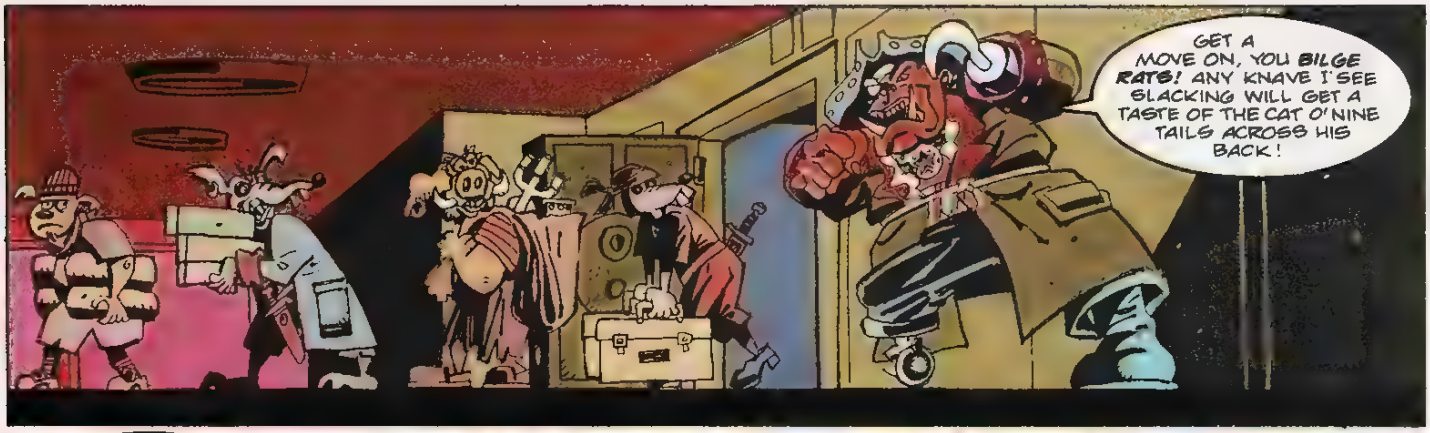
NEW SERIES
CAPTAIN
Plunder
& HIS
SKY PIRATES!
PART 1
ON BOARD HIS PERSONAL LUXURY AIRSHIP, THE 'ROBOTNICUS', DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS THROWING A PARTY.
(EVEN EVIL DICTATORS HAVE BIRTHDAYS!)
AND ONCE AGAIN, FELLOW FIENDS, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB, ROBOTNIK. MY CHEMICAL PLANT MAKES A FORTUNE NOW I DON'T HAVE TO PAY MY WORKFORCE!
OF COURSE. MY BADNIK TROOPERS MAKE EXCELLENT SLAVE DRIVERS, SO MUCH CHEAPER THAN...
CHUNG!
WHAT-?
THIS IS MOST UNFORTUNATE!
ROBOTNIK, YOU SAID NOBODY KNEW ABOUT THIS TRIP!

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK FROM SKY PIRATES!
IT LOOKS LIKE CAPTAIN PLUNDER HIMSELF!
CHUNGG!
CHUNGG!
QUICKLY LADS, PULL US IN CLOSE! NOW ON MY COMMAND...
...ATTACK!

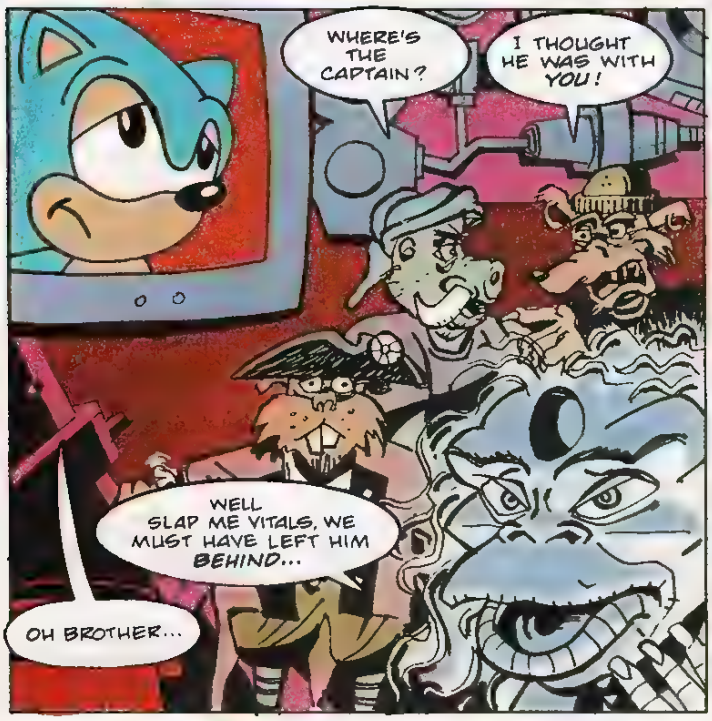
YOO HOO, ROBOTNIK! THE SKY PIRATES ARE COMIN' TO CALL!
YEEAAAA!
RIGHT, YOU SWABS, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO! ANYBODY FOULS UP AND THEY'LL FIND THEMSELVES SWINGING FROM THE YARD-ARM AFORE SUNSET!
FILCH, WITH ME!
AYE, CAP'N!
Y'KNOW CAP'N, NOW I'M A GHOST I LOVE THIS PIRATE LIFE MORE'N EVER!
IF I'D KNOWED THAT I'D 'AVE SHOT YOU YEARS AGO!
WE GOT 'IM CAP'N. WE GOT THAT DOG ROBOTNIK!
YOU'RE GOING TO PAY DEARLY FOR THIS, PLUNDER!
WRONG, POLTROON... IT'S YOU THAT'S GOING TO DO THE PAYING...
WE HAVE INSIDE INFORMATION! WE KNOW YOU ARE CARRYING TREASURES.. ALL STOLEN FROM THE PEOPLE OF MOBIUS!
YOU MEAN MY 'TAKES'.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FOUND OUT, PLUNDER... BUT I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE TREASURE. IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD.

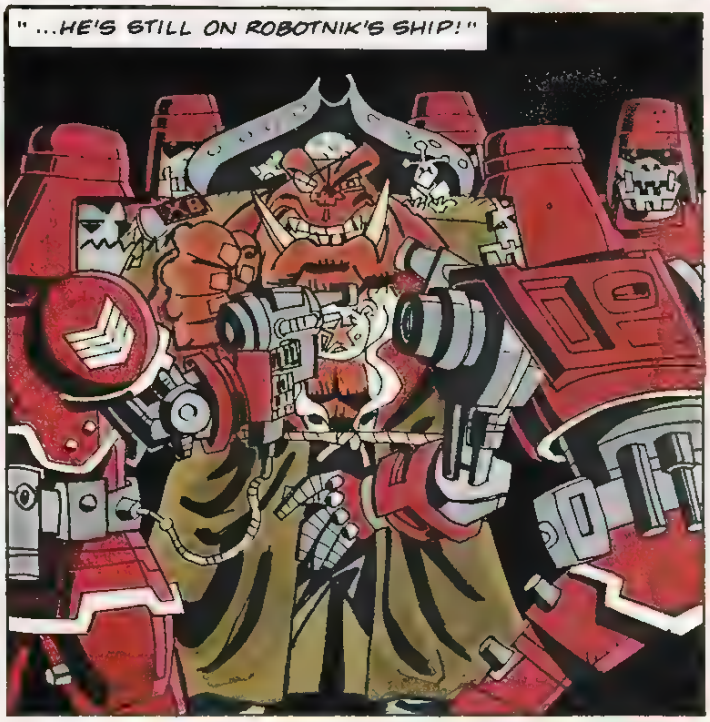
NO ONE CAN OPEN THIS VAULT! THERE ARE ONLY TWO KEYS ... ONE WAITS AT OUR DESTINATION AND ONE REMAINS AT MY FORTRESS.
I AM A CAUTIOUS MAN, PIRATE.
AH, ROBOTNIK, A SMUG CUSTOMER YOU ARE, TO BE SURE!
STILL, I'D WAGER YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ROBBED BY A GHOST... SHOW HIM HOW IT'S DONE, FILCH.
AYE, CAP'N!
I KNOW THIS ABOUT VAULTS, ROBOTNIK. THEY WERE DESIGNED TO BE DEVILISH HARD TO OPEN UP FROM THE OUTSIDE...
.. BUT NOT FROM THE INSIDE.
WHAT?
HAH! IT'S NO USE HIM BEING INSIDE IF HE CAN'T TOUCH ANYTHING!
YOU MAY THINK THAT, ROBOTNIK...
...BUT FILCH, HE'S ONE OF THOSE POULTRY..., NO, HANG ON, PALTRY...Er.. POLIT...
EMERGENCY DOOR RELEASE
CLUNK!
'POLTERGEISTS', CAP'N
POLTERGEISTS, THAT'S IT! THE KIND OF GHOST THAT CAN MOVE THINGS ABOUT!
NO. NO...



THERE'S HALF A DOZEN FLYING BADNIKS CLOSING FAST OFF THE STARBOARD BOW, CAP'N!
BACK TO THE SHIP, AND QUICK ABOUT IT! I'LL CATCH YOU UP!

LATER, BACK ON CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S SHIP...
YOUR INFORMATION WAS DEAD ON, SONIC...
AFTER THAT BUSINESS WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS* YOU'RE LUCKY I'M STILL HELPING YOU, FILCH.
NOW LET ME SPEAK TO CAPTAIN PLUNDER
*SEE STC NOS 23-25 - MEGADROID.





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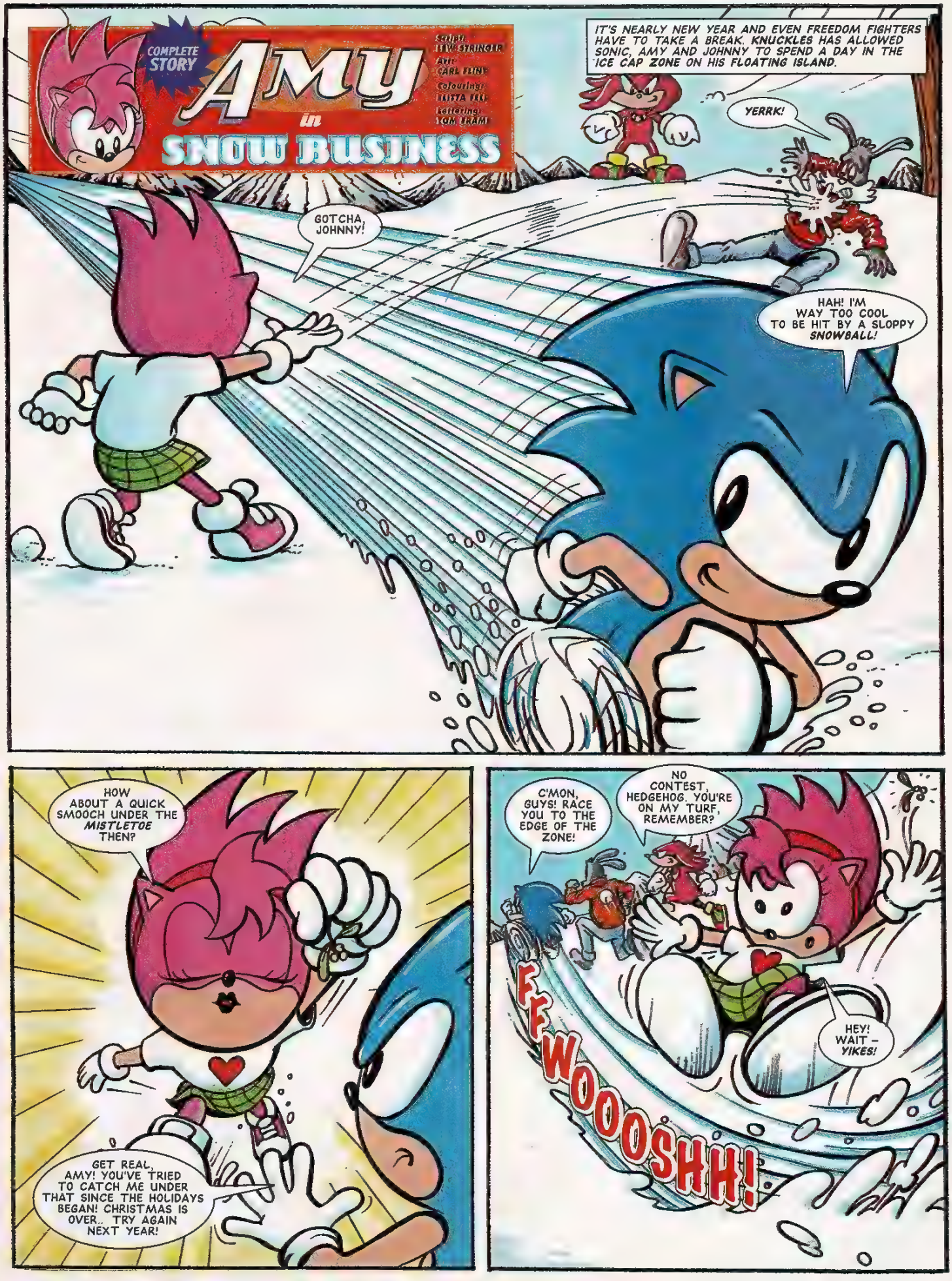
COMPLETE STORY
AMY in SNOW BUSINESS
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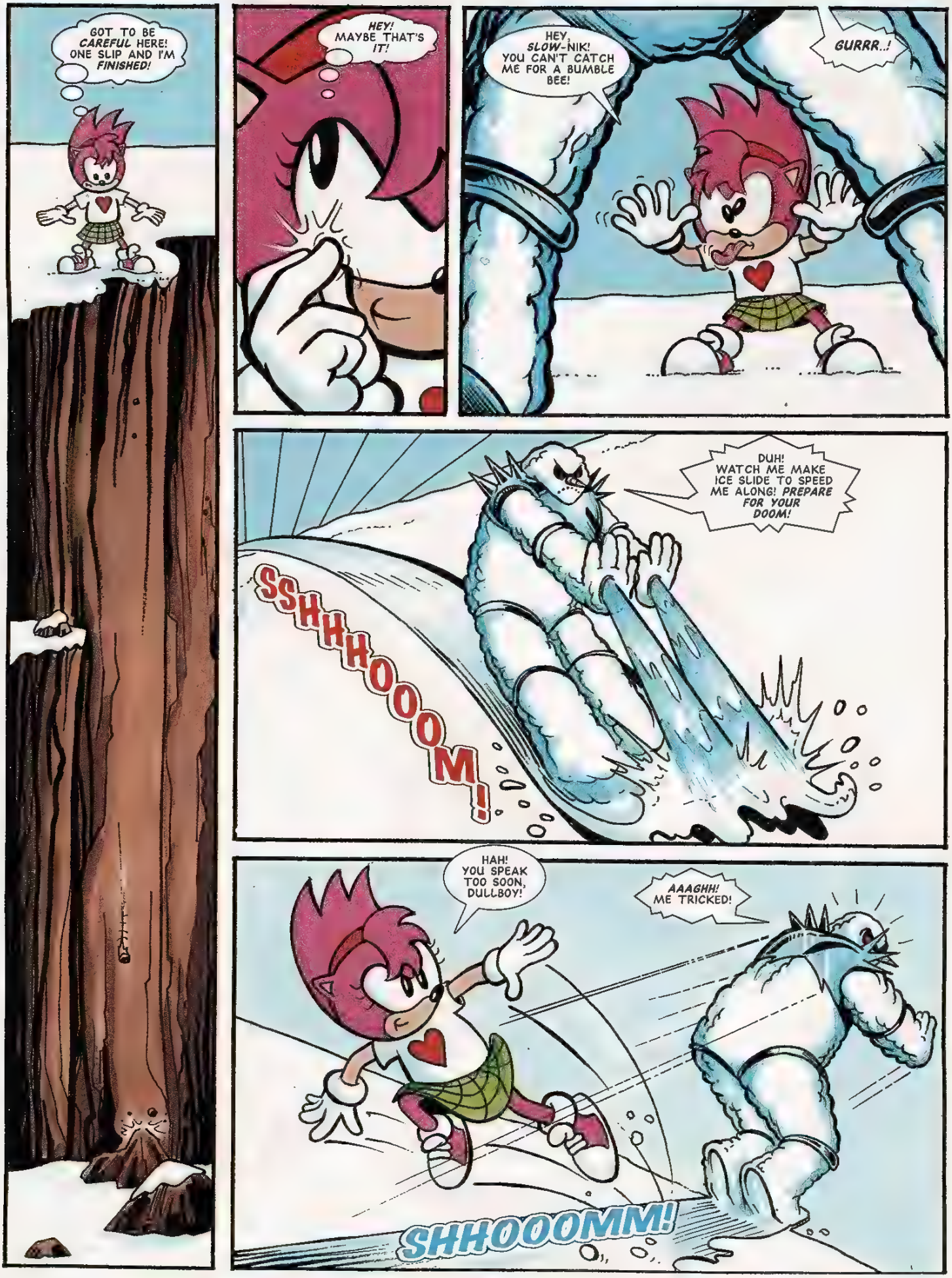
IT'S NEARLY NEW YEAR AND EVEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE TO TAKE A BREAK. KNUCKLES HAS ALLOWED SONIC, AMY AND JOHNNY TO SPEND A DAY IN THE ICE CAP ZONE ON HIS FLOATING ISLAND.
YERRK!
GOTCHA, JOHNNY!
HAH! I'M WAY TOO COOL TO BE HIT BY A SLOPPY SNOWBALL!
HOW ABOUT A QUICK SMOOCH UNDER THE MISTLETOE THEN?
GET REAL, AMY! YOU'VE TRIED TO CATCH ME UNDER THAT SINCE THE HOLIDAYS BEGAN! CHRISTMAS IS OVER.. TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR!
C'MON, GUYS! RACE YOU TO THE EDGE OF THE ZONE!
NO CONTEST, HEDGEHOG. YOU'RE ON MY TURF, REMEMBER?
HEY! WAIT – YIKES!
FFWOOOSHH!

HMPH! SOME HEDGEHOGS HAVE NO SENSE OF OCCASION! I DON'T GIVE UP *THAT* EASILY!
WHERE'S THAT MISTLETOE? AH, *UP THERE!* NOW, IF I CAN ONLY REACH IT..
CLICK!
JUST A LITTLE CLOSER, AND...
WHA-? SOMETHING JUST GAVE WAY...
DUH... ME AM THE *SNOWNIK!* ME WAS CREATED TO *DESTROY ALL ENEMIES OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!*
OOPS! LOOKS AS THOUGH I'VE STUMBLED INTO TROUBLE!
WHHRRRR...
DESTRROYYY!
HMM.. I FIGURED YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT!

THIS 'SNOWNIK' MUST HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND WHEN ROBOTNIK WAS HERE! IT'S PRETTY SLOW, SO I SHOULD BE SAFE...
...OR MAYBE NOT! THIS GUY FIRES ICE BLASTS!
FZZSHHH!
LET ME GET MY CROSSBOW AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO!
UH-OH! GUESS YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN A FAIR FIGHT, ARE YOU?
FZZZSHHHZ!
NO TIME TO WAIT FOR MY CROSSBOW TO THAW OUT! GOTTA FIND ANOTHER WAY TO BEAT THIS WALKING REFRIGERATOR!


GOT TO BE CAREFUL HERE! ONE SLIP AND I'M FINISHED!
HEY! MAYBE THAT'S IT!
HEY, SLOW-NIK! YOU CAN'T CATCH ME FOR A BUMBLE BEE!
GURRR..!
DUH! WATCH ME MAKE ICE SLIDE TO SPEED ME ALONG! PREPARE FOR YOUR DOOM!
SSHHHOOOM!
HAH! YOU SPEAK TOO SOON, DULLBOY!
AAAGHH! ME TRICKED!
SHHOOOMM!

NOW, THAT'S WHAT I CALL A SNOWDROP!
KROOOMM!!
Tinkle!
Dink!
SECONDS LATER...
AMY! DID I JUST HEAR AN EXPLOSION?
OOOH! SONIC! QUICKLY! I NEED YOU!
DON'T WORRY AMY! WHATEVER THE SITUATION, I CAN DEAL WITH IT!
GOTCHA!
WHA-?
SMACKKKK!
AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN DANGER! THAT WAS SNEAKY, AMY!
ME? IN DANGER? OH, YOU SAY THE SWEETEST THINGS, SONIC!
AND IF YOU THOUGHT THAT WAS SNEAKY, JUST WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR!
The End - FOR NOW!

"IF YOU TRAVEL 117,63222 LIGHT YEARS FROM THE EARTH YOU WILL DISCOVER A SMALL GALAXY.
"WELL, ACTUALLY YOU WON'T BECAUSE IT EXISTS IN A PARALLEL DIMENSION, IN A DIFFERENT TIME ZONE AND THE WHOLE REGION IS MADE UP OF DARK MATTER.
NEW SERIES
SONIC'S WORLD
prologue:
Once Upon a Planet...
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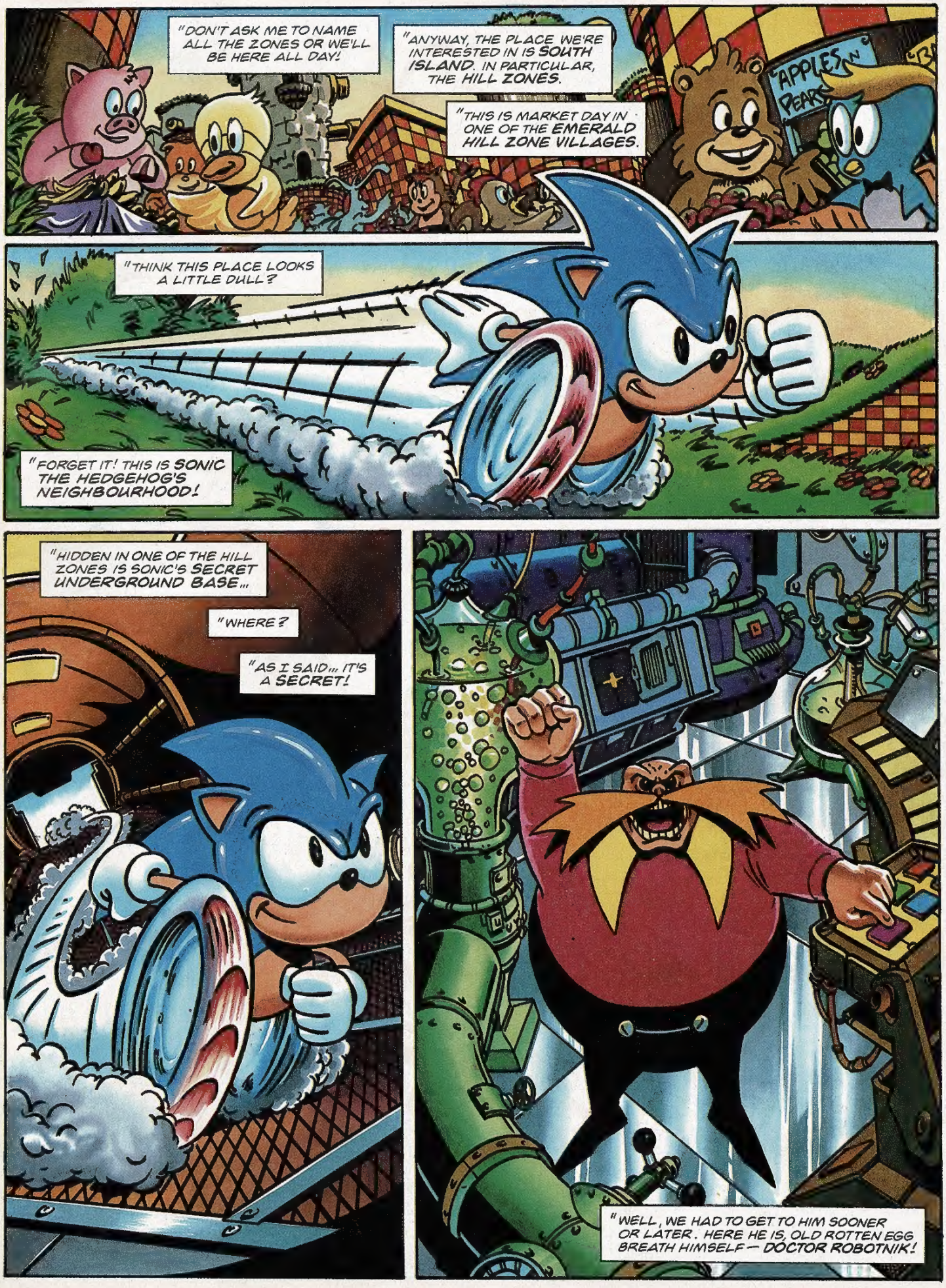
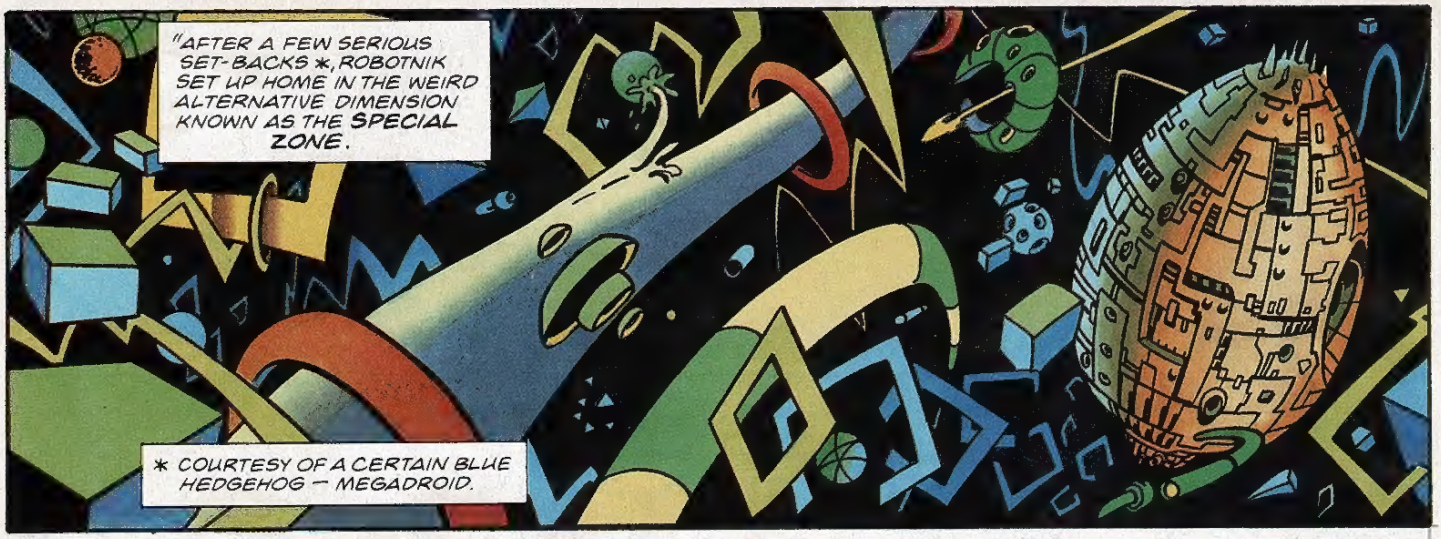
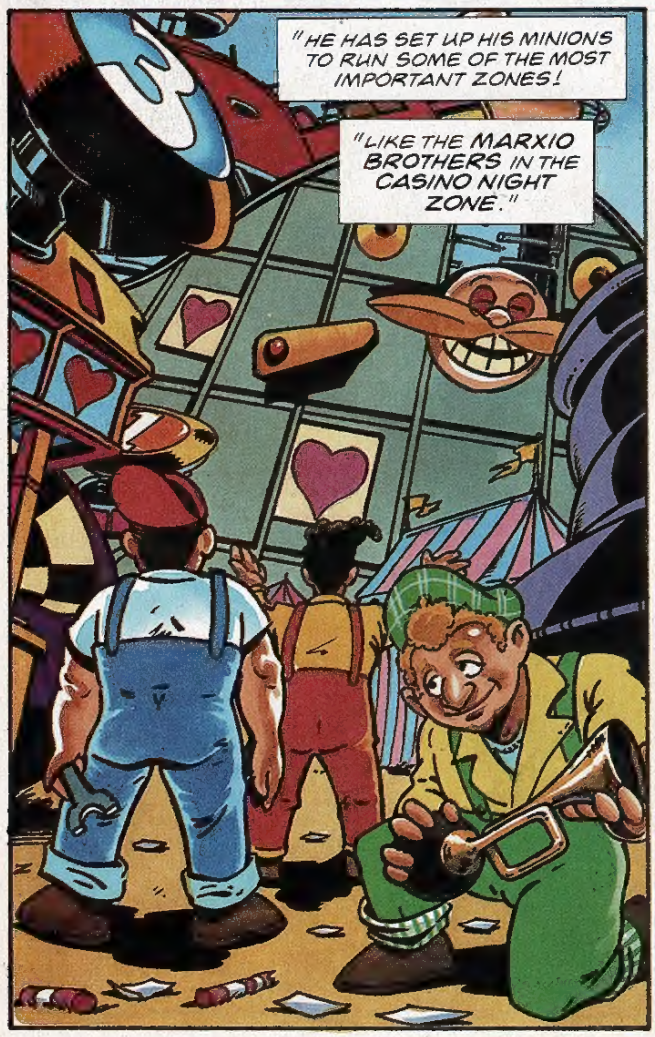
Art: Mike Hadley/ John M. Burns
Lettering: Ellie de Ville
"BUT IF YOU WERE ABLE TO GET THERE, THIS IS WHAT YOU WOULD SEE...
"THE BEAUTIFUL UNSPOILT WORLD OF MOBIUS. UNSPOILT THAT IS UNTIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK CAME ON THE SCENE.
"BUT, I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF...
"MOBIUS IS MADE UP OF VARIOUS CONTINENTS.
"AND THE CONTINENTS ARE DIVIDED INTO AREAS CALLED ZONES.
"CHECK OUT THE GREEN HILL ZONE... PRETTY NIFTY, EH?

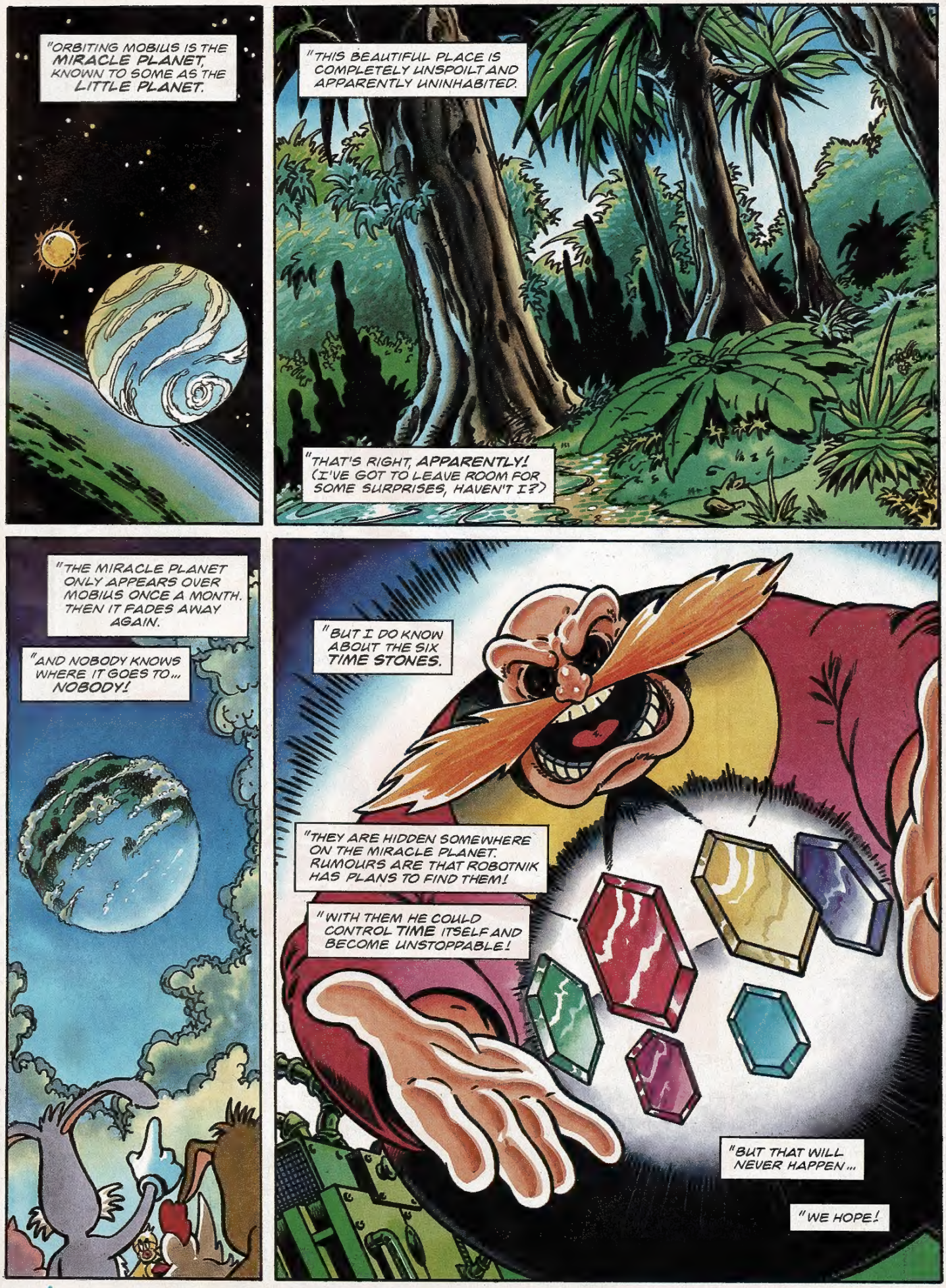

"DON'T ASK ME TO NAME ALL THE ZONES OR WE'LL BE HERE ALL DAY!
"ANYWAY, THE PLACE WE'RE INTERESTED IN IS SOUTH ISLAND. IN PARTICULAR, THE HILL ZONES.
"THIS IS MARKET DAY IN ONE OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE VILLAGES.
APPLES N PEARS
"THINK THIS PLACE LOOKS A LITTLE DULL?
"FORGET IT! THIS IS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S NEIGHBOURHOOD!
"HIDDEN IN ONE OF THE HILL ZONES IS SONIC'S SECRET UNDERGROUND BASE..."
"WHERE?
"AS I SAID... IT'S A SECRET!
"WELL, WE HAD TO GET TO HIM SOONER OR LATER. HERE HE IS, OLD ROTTEN EGG BREATH HIMSELF — DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!

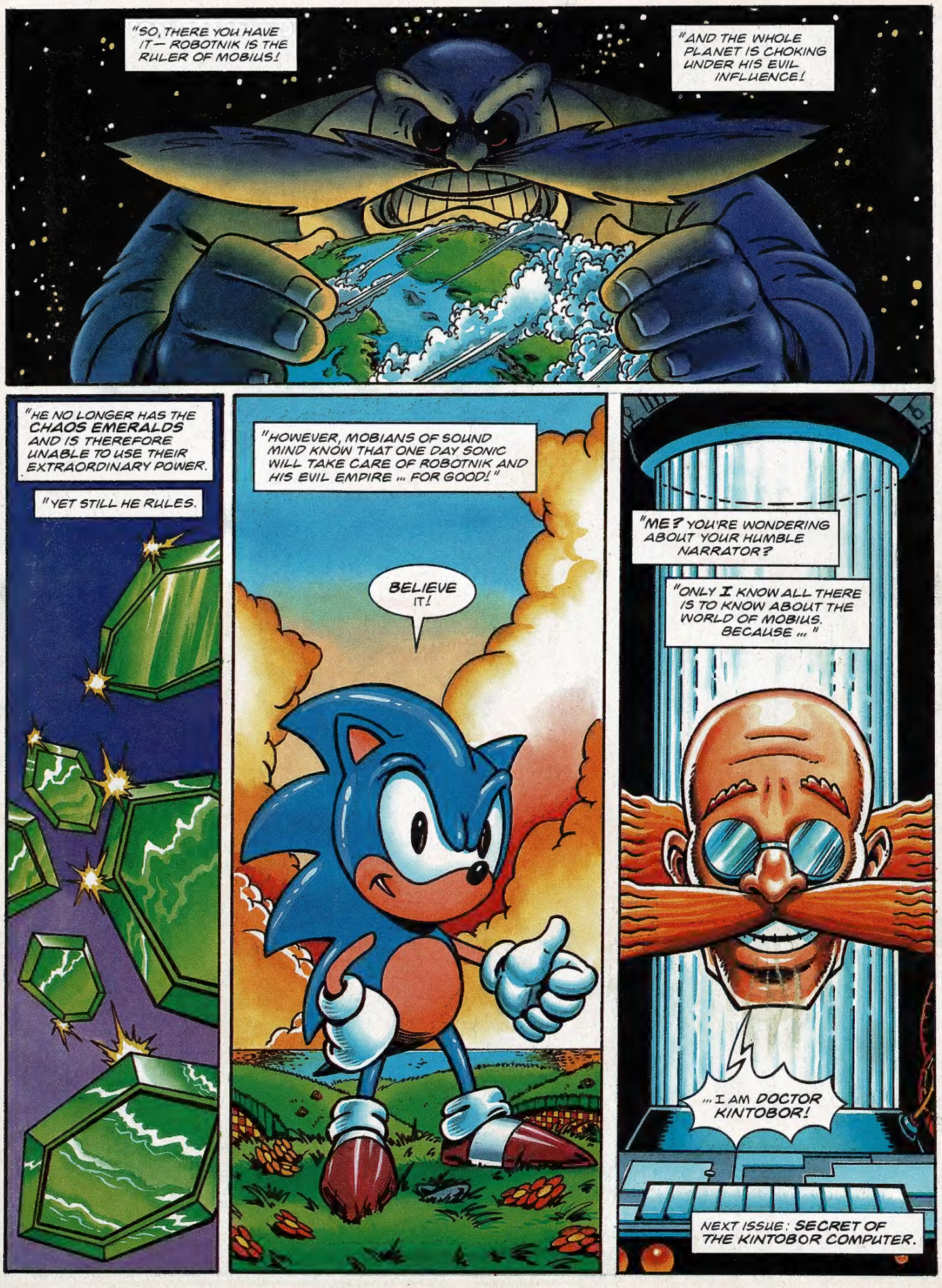

"AFTER A FEW SERIOUS SET-BACKS *, ROBOTNIK SET UP HOME IN THE WEIRD ALTERNATIVE DIMENSION KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL ZONE.
* COURTESY OF A CERTAIN BLUE HEDGEHOG — MEGADROID.

"FROM HERE HE RULES MOBIUS AND CO-ORDINATES ALL HIS OPERATIONS."
REPORTS COMING IN OF A DISTURBANCE IN THE STAR LIGHT ZONE. BADNIK FLYING SQUAD RESPONDING.


"HE HAS SET UP HIS MINIONS TO RUN SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ZONES!
"LIKE THE MARXIO BROTHERS IN THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE."

HEY! WE DON'T LIKE BEING CALLED 'MINIONS', DO WE CHICIO?
NO WAY BOSS! WE DON'T-A LIKE BEING CALLED AFTER ANY KINDA FISH!


"ORBITING MOBIUS IS THE MIRACLE PLANET, KNOWN TO SOME AS THE LITTLE PLANET.
"THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE IS COMPLETELY UNSPOILT AND APPARENTLY UNINHABITED.
"THAT'S RIGHT, APPARENTLY! (I'VE GOT TO LEAVE ROOM FOR SOME SURPRISES, HAVEN'T I?)
"THE MIRACLE PLANET ONLY APPEARS OVER MOBIUS ONCE A MONTH. THEN IT FADES AWAY AGAIN.
"AND NOBODY KNOWS WHERE IT GOES TO... NOBODY!
"BUT I DO KNOW ABOUT THE SIX TIME STONES.
"THEY ARE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE ON THE MIRACLE PLANET. RUMOURS ARE THAT ROBOTNIK HAS PLANS TO FIND THEM!
"WITH THEM HE COULD CONTROL TIME ITSELF AND BECOME UNSTOPPABLE!
"BUT THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN...
"WE HOPE!


"SO, THERE YOU HAVE IT— ROBOTNIK IS THE RULER OF MOBIUS!
"AND THE WHOLE PLANET IS CHOKING UNDER HIS EVIL INFLUENCE!
"HE NO LONGER HAS THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND IS THEREFORE UNABLE TO USE THEIR EXTRAORDINARY POWER.
"YET STILL HE RULES.
"HOWEVER, MOBIANS OF SOUND MIND KNOW THAT ONE DAY SONIC WILL TAKE CARE OF ROBOTNIK AND HIS EVIL EMPIRE ... FOR GOOD!"
BELIEVE IT!
"ME? YOU'RE WONDERING ABOUT YOUR HUMBLE NARRATOR?
"ONLY I KNOW ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THE WORLD OF MOBIUS. BECAUSE ... "
... I AM DOCTOR KINTOBOR!
NEXT ISSUE: SECRET OF THE KINTOBOR COMPUTER.